(e) if so, when was the system changed and the reasons therefor;

(f) whether no official receipt is being given to the patients in lieu of the cash/money received;

(g) if so, the reasons thereof and how the money has been accounted for all these years; and

(h) the steps taken to check such practices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) The press report in Indian Express dated 7-8-1991 has come to notice of Government. However, as per AIIMS report no multimillion Rupee racket involving the fleecing of heart patients has come to notice. Only certain irregularities in the maintenance of accounts of the amounts received from patients coming for heart operations, have come to their notice.

(b) An amount of about Rs. 4.87 lakhs in excess of the book balance of Rs. 0.51 lakhs was found with the dealing assistant, who has already been placed under suspension on 26-7-1991 and an enquiry has been ordered by the Institute into the whole affair.

(c) The probe has not been completed so far.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The system was changed during 1978-79 with a view to ensure genuine supply of valves and other accessories at reasonable rates, thereby eliminating the risk of using substandard/inferior materials at exhorbitant rates to the patients coming from different parts of the country, as also to avoid dfficulties to them in running all over the city to buy such items.

(f) Official receipts are now being given by the Institute for the money received.

(g) The money received prior to the year 1991-92 was not being passed through Institute accounts. The accounts of transactions relating to the individual patients were being kept in a register as well as in the concerned files.

(h) Orders prescribing proper procedure in the matter of accounting of receipts/payments as well as purchase of equipments have already been issued by the Institute to all its Departments in May, 1991.

Food Samples Lifted from Super Bazar

3420. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of food samples lifted from branch stores of the super Bazar and the Kendriya Bhandars in Delhi during the last twelve months and the details of the analytic reports thereof and how does the same compare with the previous three years;

(b) the number of food samples lifted from the wholesale markets of Delhi during the last twelve months and the results of the analysis thereof; and

(c) the number of cases filed in the courts during the last three years

and the details of the outcome thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) to (c) As per information furnished by the Delhi Administration, the Department of Prevention of Food Adulteration had lifted two samples of food articles from the Super Bazar during the last twelve months. On analysis, both the samples were found to be conforming to the standards ; however, in one case violation of labelling provisions was observed.

No sample was lifted from Kendriya Bhandar during the last twelve months.

The details of the samples lifted from Super Bazar and Kendriya Bhandar during the previous three years and the results thereof are as follows :

Institution	Samples lifted	Analytical results
Super Bazar . . .	3	All the three samples were found to be conforming to the standards; however, in two cases violation of labelling provisions were observed.
Kendriya Bhandar . .	5	All the five samples were found conforming to the standards.

A total of 28 samples of various articles of food were lifted from the wholesale markets of Delhi during the last twelve months and three samples were found adulterated and in case of two samples violation of labelling provisions was observed. Result of one sample is still awaited.

A total of 822 cases have been instituted in the Courts during the previous three years (i.e. 1988—1990). 233 cases ended in conviction; 26 ended in acquittal ; 124 were disposed of due to various reasons like discharge, absconding and death of the accused ; 439 cases are pending in the Courts.

[*English*]

12.00 hrs.

MR. SPEAKER : Shri Rabi Ray.

(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER : I will allow one after the other.

(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER : I am allowing Shri Rabi Ray.

(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER : I will call one after the other. Now Shri Rabi Ray.

(*Interruptions*)